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Examiner CHUNG:

Please find attached hereto an Amendment Response relating to:

Patent Application Serial No.: 09/823,874, filed March 31, 2001.

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Applicant(s): CAROLYN RAMSEY CATAN
 Serial No.: 09/823,874
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 ARTICLES WITH CHANGEABLE STATUS
 Filed: March 31, 2001
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Dear Sir:

XX Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Response in the above-identified application and a transmittal.

Petition for a one month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	17	Minus	20	0	0 X \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	0	0 X \$84.00	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					x \$270.00 =	\$
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES						\$0.00


The total fee for this amendment is calculated to be \$_____.

_____ A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

April 25, 2003

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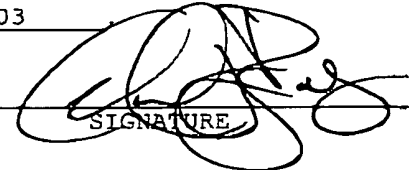
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AMENDMENT RESPONSE**TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 26,
2003, please amend the above-noted application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 8 and 10 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A system for tracking descriptive
information about a changeable article:

a machine-readable label (MRL) attachable to articles;

one or more processors connectable to a MRL reader and
programmed to create an association between data stored in an
MRL and descriptive data and store said association in a data
store;